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The servants and people of God, in ages, have been distinguished by the Holy Ghost. But should the pointed inquiry of Paul to those who called tremscriples of salvation have been undersood and their power realized, this be put to those who call themselves Chris-tians in the nineteenth century, their reply would be no more affirmative than was that of the Ephesians, though there is reason to fear it would be less straight-forward and direct. The Ephesians had not heard of the Holy Ghost, and could give a direct reply. The Christians have eard of it, but are ignorant of its nature and effects, and uncertain whether they have received it or not. Their reply, at ost, is doubtful, and does not extend farther than, "We hope we have," reverentially expressed. The direct manner of Paul's would authorize the inference that he considered that, if they had re-crived it, they would have no doubt of

the fact.

This gift is the great leading promise and blessing of the Gospel. He who is recorded by some as the first Gospel. God," and the Apostles, forth with the Gospel to sen of world, held out the pros

Ghost as the great and immediate blessing to be conferred.—"Repent, and be haptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sine, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." That all may be able to answer Paul's question to their own astisfaction, which the orthodox churches deny in our day. They most emphatically Paul's question to their own satisfaction, in a clear understanding of the nature of affir this gift is necessary. Such an under-standing can only be acquired through the revelations that have been given on the subject.

From the following passages we learn ty, a something of the nature and office of the by t Holy Ghost—"But when the Comforter is their come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."—John xv. 26. "Howheit when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come."—xvi. 13. "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."—xiv. 26.

Is this gift enjoyed by those who prefess to follow Christ in the present age? Have the sectarian churches got it? Manifestly not. Its office is to guide those who possess it into all truth, conset.

those who possess it into all truth, con-sequently to unite them in sentiment. The Christians of the present day are lad into error and division by books led into error and division by books and commentaries. If a doubtful point arises, they endeavour to decide it by their learning and research. Should they disagree, as they do in almost every instance, there is no higher authority to appeal to within their knowledge, and the point remains insettled, or each one decides it for himself. Had they the Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth, it would decide the point at once.

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of all the truth that can be learned man, that which pertains to salve in is of the greatest importance to a Though other truths remain und there

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Him from whom it proceeds. Were it to be indiscriminately diffused this result could not be so perfectly effected. In the beginning of the Christian dispensation it descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove and abode with him. He promised it to all his disciples in such language as this.—"He that believeth on me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water," and "the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." He breathed it upon his disciples and gave them power to minister it—not to the multitude indiscriminately—but to those who would believe the Gospel and obey its requirements. Those requirements were Faith, Repentance, Baptism, and the laying on of hands.

ace, Baptism, and the laying on of him hoping and guessing, singing and praying his way, until he has passed the rubscon of death. In his future progress,

tance. Baptime, and the laying on of hands.

If we look at Christian-ty, as is called, in its present aspect, we do not find these principles tanget which were advocated and practised by the Apostles. Yet we are informed that we live in the same Go-pel dispensation. If it is the same, why are the heat, ordinances, and hissings all done away with, and nothing left but an empty form, or a dead faith? Reader, if you desire to obtain the gift of the Holy Ghost, you must look for it to a system different from any that modern Christianity presents, for not only its this gift desied among them, but the means by which it was bestowed are contemned, and the channel by which it was communicated in cut off. To what can we attribute this great change? Can we believe that God would deprive us of these great bis-sings, which He vocathusful to others, for any other reason than apostancy and wickedness? We cannot.

Having seen the nature and office of the gift of the Holy Ghost, and the manner in which it was bestowed, let us inquire farther regarding its power and manifestations. In various places it in recorded of those to whom this gift was imparted, that as soon as they received it they spale with new tengens and prophesical. In creamersing the bitasing different by its operation, Paul says, "To one is given by the Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, the gift of the work desired of manufaction; the light of were divided with the work of desired the substitute of the brought them inspiration initial of desired, the working of mirrolles; to another, the work with the same spirit; to another, the working of mirrolles; to another, t

Former-day Saints stood towards the manifestation, to another is given an generation they lived in as witnesses the Spirit bestowing severally as h for the truth, do Joseph Smith an the Latter-day Saints stand towards th generation; and all the servants of God sent forth to preach and administer the Gospel stand in similar relationship to those to whom they are sent. They oc-cupy a platform eminently higher than cupy a platform eminently higher than that of the self-chosen or man-chosen teachers of the people. While the latter are disputing the rendering of this passage, the mode of performing that ordinance, or the weight of the other opinion, the former are testifying of the light that has burst forth for the salvation or condemnation of the world. While the latter are consulting this reverend divine, that profound doctor, or the other learned commentator, the former are proclaiming to the world, "Thus saith the Lord." While the latter are dealing out to the poor prodigals the husks that are only fit for the swine, the former are feeding the obedient children with the bread of life from the Father's table. from the Father's table.

It is useless now for the enemies of truth to slander and vilify Joseph Smith and the first Elders of this Church, in order to invalidate their testimony, for that testimony has found a resting place with, and is reiterated by, tens of thousands who have proven it to be true. It is not, as they would lead the world to suppose, upon the testimony of those first Elders only, that we believe God has revealed His will, and restored His Gospel in this age. The fact is now attested by tens of thousands who know it to be true. It was not Jesus and his Apostles alone that were privileged to know whether he was the Son of God, and preached true doctrine, or not—"If any man will do his (the Father's) will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." In like tion of the Spirit is given to every man prepare you to enjoy the presence of the to profit withal." To one is given one Father.

All receive some manifestation. This manifestation of the Spirit produces certainty of the truth, which begets faith to obtain greater blessings, and a sure hope of eternal salvation, through endurance to the end. Thus the truth is sealed upon the minds of believers, and the testimonies in the feature become an autorous that

the minds of believers, and the testimonies in its favour become so numerous that they leave the world without excuse.

Were not these blessings freely offered and freely disseminated, there might be some excuse for unbelievers. But those who reject the testimony of God's people, reject the blessings that would secure to themselves the knowledge of the truth, the enlightening and purifying influences of the Spirit, and eternal salvation, through faithfulness. They reject the only means of proving for themselves whether that testimony is true or not. Nothing but obstinate unbelief, ignorance, or hardness of heart, could cause men to reject terms so acceptable, and blessings so great. Such unbelief and hardness of heart cannot fail to bring their just condemnation. If the antediluvians were condemned for rejecting Noah's testidemnation. If the antediluvians were condemned for rejecting Noah's testi-mony, if the Sodomites were condemned for rejecting Lot's testimony, if the Jews were condemned for rejecting the testimony of Jesus and His Apostles, how much more will this generation be condemned for rejecting the testimony of so many servants and Saints of God, who have borne witness by word and deed that the Gospel they have submeed it too.

that the Gospel they have embraced is true.

Reader, have you received the gift of the Holy Ghost? If you are not certain, be assured you have not. You could not receive it, and be ignorant of the fact. Do you wish to obtain it? Are you willing to receive it in the Lord's way? Repent and be baptized for the remi of your sins, and receive the laying on of the hands of the Elders of the Church of manner, it was not Joseph Smith and his associates alone that could know whether he was a Prophet and preached the true Gospel, or not; but all who believe and obey obtain a knowledge for themselves. How? They receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.—"The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man

Ir has been affirmed that of twenty deaths of young men, between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five, ten originate in the waste of the constitution by smoking.—Family

Bints to the Rising Generation of Stah.

(From the " Deseret News.")

Cast your eyes over the inhabited portions of the earth, consult those books, papers, and printed documents which furnish correct information upon the condition and conduct of the dwellers thereon, and then enquire of responsible persons who are familiar with the facts in the case, and you will become thoroughly convinced that the resultful appealation of Utah have conduct of the dwellers thereon, and then enquire of responsible persons who are familiar with the facts in the case, and you will become thoroughly convinced that the youthful population of Utah have more and greater advantages for real im-

mailar with the facts in the case, and you will become thoroughly convinced that the youthful population of Utah have more and greater advantages for real inprovement and true usefulness than the similar population of any other part of the world.

Knowing this to be the case, and anxious that they improve to the uttermost the vantage ground they actually posses, we are induced to present the matter as clearly as possible to their understanding, hoping they will fully realize their position, and act wisely in accordance therewith. Throughout all our settlements there is not a house of prostitution or amignation, nor a gambling house or hell, nor a drunkery, nor a race-course, nor a loafer's hall, nor a single locality where insmorthly or any abnomination is taught and practiced for a livelihood. Where the is it is the case with anything like our amount of population, or even where only a thousand are settled together? The Baints have never descreated this soil by murder, duels, nobs, amassination, homicide, rape, or any of those high hianded and outrageous crimes which are so ride outside our headers. Our youth therefore have very few of the evil examples and various inducements to wichedness which beast the path of the most seeluded and favoured of other climes.

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scenes you have passed through, you have been receiving a thorough physical train-ing, and an experience from a rough and tumble with the elements we have to deal with, which is of far more real value than all the Greek, Latin, and vain philosophy that could have been crammed into your brains by the most thorough drill in the best schools of the Gentiles.

With active and intelligent minds in sound bodies, and untrammeled by the nonsensical traditions of the day, you have severy opportunity to become mighty men and women in the kingdom of our God. But with all your vantage ground, it de-pends upon your individual exertions and athfuluess as to what positions you occupy in the great events of this the last

dispensation.

If you desire a position whose attainment and possession require faithfulness, phedience, and strict holiness, you never meed expect to reach it, as it were, by a single bound, or by the fortuitous perdeed, and then cease your exertions, thinking to retain your renown. No; a mighty renown, and an unquestioned in-No; a flaence upon the side of truth in the Church of Jesus Christ, can only be obtained and preserved by unceasing watchfulness and rigilance in the pathway of

You doubtless wish to know how you can progress in the high and holy course now open, and inviting your best and utmost efforts, since the school houses, books, teachers, and other usual facilities for acquiring worldly knowledge are not analytics, but are also, from various circumstances, beyond the present reach of

that of all descriptions of what is styled that of all descriptions of what is styled distribution, self education is the most satisfictory and useful, and your very organisation enables you to learn in that school most of our lives; and for this, territy montent of our lives; and for this, and we have before ebserved, you have betoter opportunities, than the youth of any other elime. As how? By the freedom you enjoy in being untrammeled by the foolish traditions of the world, and in chaving constantly with you those who meeable and willing to direct your attention in the path of true knowledge, and

Read then those portions of the history of Joseph Smith which are to be found in each number of the Desert News, that you may become thoroughly conversant with the past conduct of those faithful mee who, in the midst of their weaknessmee who, in the midst of their weaknesses and traditions, and opposed by a constant howling storm of the bitterest persecution, persevered, and have thus far overcome, and fulfilled the requirements laid upon them. There is nothing but your own dispositions to hinder you from acquiring and practising upon this information, which will enable you to follow the best examples, and be so prepared as not to be overcome in similar and even trying emergencies. Then, even though you may have heard them delivered, read and carefully study the printed sermons, that your minds may become conversant that your minds may become conversant with the best of counsel and sound doc-trine; and in this manner become fami-liar, each week, with the contents of our own newspaper, to which you all have or may have access.

Study the Bible, Book of Morm Book of Doctrine and Covenants, ware all at your service. Search wish in the best books, and from the best conversation and example, by reading, by study, and by careful observation and reflection upon every thing which comesbeneath your notice, that through faith, obedience, and diligence you may be able to arrange and classify all you acquire, and be ready and practical in its use. Listen to the teachings and counsels of your parents in the Lord, and to those of His approved servants. All these facilities for acquiring the most valuable of all education are furnished you as freely and as bountifully as the air you breathe, and and no one but yourselves can curtail you in reaping the full benefit thereof.

And how can you stand in your ownlight, and clip the sphere of your usefulness? By loafing in offices, stores, and other places of resort and business, and upon street corners, which habit neither exercises and benefits mind nor body, and is disagreeable to every good citizen; by using valgar, profane, or any improper language, for words are vehicles of in the best books, and from the b

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thus foolishly wasting their strength, and a time for the performance of every good and rightly desirable action for in any unwise thought, word, or action.

When you have mastered this lesson, another will be ready, and then another, and so on, that you may have every pos-and opportunity allotjoyment of mind most rapid advancement to exaltation in the celestial kingdom.

Wistery of Joseph Smith.

(Continued from page 24.)

[July, 1840.]

Thursday, 9th. Extract from Elder Woodruff's letter to the editor of the Millennial Star—

I arrived at Froome's Hill, Castle Froome, Herefordshire, on the 4th March, and was kindly entertained for the night by Mr. John Benhow, who received my testimony, and opened his door for meeting; and on the evening following, the 5th March, for the first time, I presched the fulness of the first time, I preached the remain of the place to a small compel in that place to a small control in the place of the plac nd desired to inquire further age; and on the evening folring I met a lar nely, faith in Ci and the gift of the Hely Ghost by the ng on of hands; after which I adminis-d the ordinance of baptism unto six rons, Mr. and Mrs. Beabow among the ther. I also preached on Sunday the and haptined seven, confirmed thirteen, heals hand

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almost universally appeared willing to give heed to the exhertation of Solomon, to hear a matter before they judged or condemned. They opened their doors for me to preach, and searched the Scriptures daily to see if the things which I taught were true; and on finding that the word and spirit agreed and hear vectored of the truth of the fulness and bore record of the truth of the fulness of the Everlasting Gospel, they embraced it with all their hearts, which has brought great joy and satisfaction to many souls in that region.

I continued preaching and baptizing daily; the congregations were large and generally attentive. I was soon privileged with an interview with Mr. Thomas Kington, the Superintendent of the United Brethren, besuperintendent of the United Brethren, before whom I gave an account of the rise
and progress of the Church of the Latterday Saints, and bore testimony of the truth
of the great work which God had set His
hand to accomplish in these last days.

Mr. Kington received my testimony and
sayings with candour; and carried the case
before the Lord, made it a subject of present

before the Lord, made it a subject of prayer, and asked the Pather in the name of Jesus Christ, if these things were true; and the Lord manifested the truth of it unto him, and he went forth and was baptized, he and all his household. I ordained him an Elder, and he went forth and began to preach the

iness of the Gospel.

I also baptized about forty preachers of the same order, and several others belonging unto other churches, and about one hundred and twenty members of the United
Brethren, which opened about forty doors
or preaching places, where the fulness of
the Gospel would meet a welcome reception, and all this during the term of one
month and fire days.

onth and five days. On the 10th of April I took my departure

dred and sixty; whom I left rejoicing in the fulness of the Gospel, and hundreds of others who were ready to be baptized as soon as a proper time and opportunity arrived. I arrived in Preston on the 13th, by way of Worcester, Wolverhampton, Burslem, and Manchester, a distance of about one hundred and seventy miles, visiting the

Churches by the way.
On my arrival in Preston, I was blessed with the happy privilege of once more greeting my brethren of the Travelling High Council and other Elders, and of sitting with them on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of April in the first Council and General Conference which they had ever held, as a Quorum, in a foreign nation. After spending several days together, (during which time much business of importance was transacted for the Church,) it became necessary for us again to separate, in order to labour in dif-ferent parts of the vineyard which were now open before us. I left Preston on the 17th, accompanied by Elder Brigham Young, and visited the Churches by the way, until we arrived among the Saints in Herefordshire, who were anxiously looking for my return. In a few days we were joined in our labours by Elder Willard Richards. We took locations in different parts of this new field of labour, which extended through various places in Herefordshire, Worcestershire, and Gloucestershire.

We continued preaching, and baptizing, and administering in the ordinances of the Gospel daily, unto such as would receive our testimony; and obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Truth was mighty and prevailed; the work prospered, and multiplied on every hand, until several hundreds, including more than fifty preachers of various sects, were rejoicing in the fulness of the Everlasting Gospel, and felt to praise God that they had lived to behold the day when the Lord had set His hand to prune His vineyard once more with a mighty pruning, and to establish the Gospel in its ancient purity again upon the face of the earth; and in many instances signs followed the believer, according to the promise of the Saviour. The Spirit of God accompanied the preaching of the word to the hearts of men. Whole households, on hearing the word, have received it into good and honest hearts, and gone forth and received the ordinances of the Gospel; and frequently we have baptized from eight to twelve the first time of meeting with the people in new places, and preaching the word of God to them.

Elder Young laboured with us about one month, during which time many were

from the Saints in Herefordshire and ad-joining country, numbering about one hun-were much edified, and their hearts made glad with the teaching and instruction h Rider Young, I also obtained much benefinyself by enjoying his society, sitting unde his instruction, and sharing in his counse. As it became necessary for Elder Young t

return to Manchester, to assist in prep a collection of hymns, and other matters, took the parting hand with us on the 20 of May; and Elder Richards and myself on tinued our labours in the vineyard, in co nexion with Elder Kington, who had give himself wholly to the work of the mini

The Lord still continued to bless our l bours, and added daily unto the Church. New doors were opening on every hand; a multiplicity of calls constantly reached our ears, many of which we could not answer for the want of labourers. Notwithstand there were about fifty ordained Elders at Priests in this part of the vineyard, y there were equally as many places i preaching to be attended to upon the Sabba day. Thus we continued our labours in this region until the time drew near for the General Conference in Manchester on the

6th of July.

But before leaving the Saints, we considered it wisdom to set in order the Church and organize them into Branches and Conferences, that they might be properly repre-sented before the General Conference Therefore we held two Conferences with the Saints before we took our departs from them. The first was held at the Go field Elm Chapel, Worcestershire, on th field Elm Chapes, "the time we organ 14th of June, at which time we organ twelve Branches, and transacted such bness as the occasion required. The sec Conference was held at Stanley Hill, He fordshire, on the 21st of June, and organ twenty Branches of the Church. The nutes of the above-named Conferen present you for publication, if you think proper.

On the day following, Elder Richards and myself took our leave of the Saints at Froome's Hill, Herefordshire; but before leaving we repaired to a pool three times, to baptize and confirm numbers that came to us and requested these ordinances at our

hands.

Elder Richards laboured in this part of the vineyard about two months, during which time he travelled extensively, preached night and day, gave much instruction to the Saints generally, and had many souls as seals to his ministry. I received much benefit from the counsel which he gave to the organization of the Churches, and it was manifest that he had passed through a profitable school of experience during the three baptized, confirmed, and numbers ordained years of his travels in England; and the in-

g in the new and everlasting covenan undreds of others who were wishin to hear and obey. I parted with Elder

Richards at Birmingham, who went direct to Manchester, while I visited West Bromwich, and preached several times to a small Branch of the Church which had been raised up in that place by Elder Turiey, who baptised several while I was there. I also attended a Conference on the 29th June, at Hanley, in the Staffordshire Potteries, in company with Elder George A. Smith and others, after which I arrived in Manchester.

W. WOODBUFF.

Manchester, July 9, 1840.

(To be continued.)

Che Latter-day Saints' Millennial Star.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1856.

SANCTIFICATION.—We could not be expected to say much concerning sanctification in a page or two of the Star, for the subject is limitless. We only design to throw out a few ideas that may assist the Saints in their struggles against the evils within and around them. It is natural for the mind of man to be continually grasping at something in the future, and in doing so, things of the present are often neglected. The Saints now have more knowledge than they are wise enough to make a profitable use of. They indulge the hope of inheriting a kingdom, principalities, and powers, and while doing so, often neglect the germ of them. which they already possess, and which the Lord has given them to increase upon, and from which they, by their own works, under the direction of the Priesthood, must realize their hopes of the future. The beginning of a man's kingdom is his own body, and just in proportion as he becomes cleaned from all evil and sanctified by the purifying influences of the Holy Spirit, will be be worthy of additions to himself. Much is said about sanctification of the spirit, purity of heart, &c., and the great difference between Saints and sectarians is in the means used to accomplish this desirable end. The world believe that the spirit may become sanctified by itself. Say they, "A change of heart is all that is necessary." But the Lord requires that there should also be a corresponding change in the body. There is little or no chance for the Spirit of the Lord to influence and guide a person whose mind is filled with impure thoughts and unholy desires, and the thoughts and desires cannot be pure when the body is contaminated with filth, and made the recipient of unclean things. Angels and ministering spirits to those who shall be heirs of salvation have a natural abhorrence of performing their kindly offices in habitations that are filled with npurities.

The Lord created water a purifying element, adapted to man in this mortal state. The first purifying process required in order to enter His kingdom is immersion in this element in the way that he has pointed out, and for the purification of the spirit the Holy Ghost is administered by the laying on of hands. This is the commence of the work of regeneration, and it will never be perfected until both spirit and body are united in the resurrection, and able to endure that element in which the Father dwella, and which is as a consuming fire to everything corrupt and unholy. Men often fail of evercoming evils in themselves for want of perseverance. Old prejudices, impure desires, tastes, and habits, which were indulged in for years before the light of truth revealed their evil effects, are not always to be overcome at once; if they could be, there would be no need of a continual warfare against evil. The enemy of all righteousness will struggle hard to keep the ground he has so long been in possession of, and it is only to be won from him by long and continued efforts in well doing. By the time that a Saint subdues one evil, the increase of the spirit of intelligence, which is a natural result, enables him to discover another, and the power of discovering

evils is only obtained by overcoming those already in view.

"What shall I do to obtain favour of the Lord," is a question often asked by every faithful Saint. We answer, keep every commandment He has given, and then, as fast as possible, purge from the heart every thought and desire contrary thereto. Some perhaps will say, "We cannot control our thoughts." This is an error. Men can obtain the habit of directing their thoughts, affections, and desires, just as well as they can the muscles, limbs, and general motions of the body. Murder, adultery, lying, theft, and every dishonest act originate in the mind. Were it not for this, the body would never move to perpetrate iniquity. This every person possessed of ordinary reason and intelligence understands. If the conceptions of the heart are not executed by the body, it is only because restrained by outward circumstances. The mind can be restrained from devising evil as well as the body from doing it. Controlling the mind, so that its conceptions will be pure and continually prempting the person to do good, is what constitutes a righteous man. It is this conception of iniquity in the mind which always precedes an evil deed, that Jesus referred to when he said, "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." It is not to be expected that those whose fathers and mothers have wandered in darkness for generations, can change their natures at once. If this was the case there would be no need, after they receive the Gespel, of their continuing to suffer here on the earth.

Sanctification, at best, is a slow process, which requires a long period of personning exertion. Restoration is not a work to be accomplished in one generation. The great object of the Saints of the present day should be to purify themselves as much as pessible from the evils which they have received from their progenitors, and leave a pure heritage to their children. Every Saint who is the head of a family should understand that the spirit which he manifests will more or less influence his househould, and that the principles which he teaches—his every day conversation and conduct, will forever influence the destiny of his generations after him. Then who can conceive of the importance of having their conduct dictated by pure motives? Every act of a man has its influence on those who surround him, and its effects will continue to be developed in this world and the next. They may be unperceived by his limited compre-

hension, but they are none the less sure.

There is certainly enough for men to think about and do, which will tend to nighteousness and exaltation. The greatest study of man is himself. The ficials possess an abundance of written revelation, and a living Priesthood, which are inexhaustible sources of pure intelligence. Besides, the heavens and the earth are filed with knowledge, and each one of the infinite varieties of creation will furnish a leasen which it will require a life-time of study to comprehend.

We presume that the "Hints to the rising generation of Utah," which we publish in this number of the Star, will be found quits as applicable to the young Saints in Europe as to those in Utah. The practise of these suggestions by the chi, as well as

the young, will be found very beneficial, and will tend as much as anything they can do to store their minds with useful knowledge, pure thoughts, and holy desires, and enable them, in connexion with the discharge of every duty, to keep with them continually the sanctifying influences of the Holy Ghost.

Foreign Correspondente.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Puncu, Hilo, Hawaii, Sandwich Isles, Sep. 17, 1855.

Beloved Brother Franklin—As a favour-ble opportunity presents itself for me to you a few lines, I cheerfully im ng that it will be acceptable to a; at least, I judge you by myself, at that, according to the old saying, is theous judgment.

righteous judgment.

Since I last wrote to you (Which was about the first of last month), I have returned again to the Island of Hawaii, to turned again to the Island or Hawau, to commence my labours here in the Hilo Conference, over which I was appointed to preside. Cousin John Young is with me; he is the only help I have at present.

There were some native Elders appointed to labour with me here in this Conference, but they have not as

in this Conference, but they have not as yet made their appearance.

Upon my arrival at this place, I found things in rather a crooked situation. Quite a number of the Saints had get to be more or less cold and indifferent, being left some time without any foreign Elders with them, but by the blessings of the Lard, they are beginning to enliven up, and feel to rejoice in the work of the last days.

This people, take them as a people, are ry different from the more enlightened d civilized nations of the earth; their s are like so many little children's, they are easily turned, and a great deal more no to do evil than to do good, consequently it requires the Eldern to be with them continually, to lead them along, to instruct them, and to keep them in the right track, when you once get them there. Take the work as a general thing, it is, I believe, in a prospurous condition, notwithstanding all the efforts of the

put in another crop, and the native Saints, those who have gathered there, are buoy-ant in spirits. The Presidency have made a permanent centract with Haalelea, the chief, for the land. We are to have it chief, for the land. We are to have it two years free of charge, after which we have to pay \$175 per year. Our vessel, which has just been built, is affoat, and she will no doubt be a great benefit to the mission, in taking produce to market, assisting the Elders in travelling from one island to another, &c.

Brothers Lewis, Allred, Keeler, Wood-bury, and Green have sailed for the Coast, on their way to the Valley. Brothers Ham-mond and Snider will sail as soon as they can obtain the necessary outfit; they are the only two who are yet remaining of the old hands, those who were labouring here before the arrival of the last com-

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Along in the fore part of July last,
a ship load of Saints (some 70 or 75
in number) from Australia, bound for
San Pedro, arrived at Honolulu. The
vessel put in there for repairs, as she had
been leaking for several days very bad.
After remaining there a few days, and
getting repaired, they again put to sea,
but were soon obliged to return, it being
no better. The vessel was afterwards
condemned, and the Saints put on shore
without any remuneration whatever.
Since then, by combining their means,
some 30 or 35 of them have managed to
get off; the remainder of them are still
hera, and probably will be for some time.
The company was in charge of Elder B.
Frest. Elders Smith and Owen (from
the Valley) were also on board, on their

is, I believe, in a prosperous condition, twithsteading all the efforts of the vallenging all the efforts of the vallenging in their labours, and the most of vall and his imps to put it down. Letter are gutting to speak the native language very well, at least the natives say alg. The beathern have commenced to

the natives themselves).

We have lately received news from brother Cannon, California, informing us that the Book of Mormon is nearly completed, and will soon be here, ready for sale in the Hawaiian language. This, you may be assured, I was glad to hear, for I think it will give the work a new impetus, enliven the Saints, set the devil to raging, and be the means of doing a great deal of

good.

The labours of the brethren generally upon these lands are very laborious, almost all of the travelling among the Branches has to be done on foot. Such is the case in my field, and the country is very rough and uneven, having very steep parlis to ascend and descend, a great many of them hundreds of feet in height, and as soon nearly as you are over one you come to another. I would not mind exchanging some of my days' travels, for a trip in the kanyon after a load of wood, so far as the labour is concerned. But so far as the labour is concerned. But notwithstanding this, I feel to rejoice all the day long; the Lord has been with me, and has given me strength according to my day. Pray for me, brother Franklin, that I may have wisdom given unto me, so that I may be enabled to bear off the responsibilities which have been placed upon me, in that way and manner that will reflect credit to myself and to the cause which I am striving to promulgate. I never realized my weakness and nothingness in my life to the extent that I do now, but I know that the Lord is allpowerful, and inasmuch as His servants put their trust in Him, He will assist them in every time of need.

I look forward with anticipations of delight to when we shall be permitted to meet together again, with our families and friends, in the Valleys of the Mountains, as we have in days that are past and gone. I did not know how to appreciate those blessings then half as well as I think I shall if we are once more permitted to enjoy them, but I do not wish to return until I have fulfilled my mission honour-

ably, and performed a good work.

My main stopping place is at Puneu,
near what is called by the foreigners, Byron's Bay. It is about 30 miles from the renowned Crater of Kilauea, which I had the pleasure of visiting some months since. It is truly a magnificent sight,

kanka maoli (straight, very much like and strikes a feeling of awe and reverence in its beholders. It has lately broken out in two different places, one of which is only about 25 or 30 miles distant. I am told that the melted lava is running down towards Hilo at the rate of a mile and a half or two miles per day. Its brilliant light can be seen in the heavens almost every night, which makes a grand and majestic appearance. Volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, &c., are no uncommon thing, especially upon this island. Yesterday morning while I was sitting at the table, writing, there was a shock of an earthquake, which so shook the house and table that I had to stop writing until it was over

Eia Kekahi-I have an item of news which may perhaps be interesting to you, if it was not so much so to me. About two weeks ago, as we arose one morning to dress ourselves as usual, behold and lo! to our great surprise, all of our clothes were missing. After looking around some little, we found them out of doors, scattered along the path, and wet through by the rain. Upon examination, I found that my watch had been taken out of my vest pocket, also brother John's money purse was taken, but no money in it. was somewhat sorry to lose the watch, as it had proved to be an excellent timepiece. It was a lever, full jewelled, and cost me some \$40. I do not know of any one who has anything against us, more than what is common for people to have against our principles, with the exception of one man, who was President of a Branch, but, because of his wickedness and transgression, I had been obliged to cut him off from the Church. But then this is nothing when you get used

Well, brother Franklin, I shall have to Please excuse close for the present. these few unconnected sentences, for I have written them in a hurry. Please remember me kindly, with love and best wishes, to all of the brethren whom I am acquainted with from the Valley, not forgetting to take a liberal share to your-

self.

May God our heavenly Father bless you in all your labours and administrations, and in His own due time permit us to meet again, is the prayer of your affectionate brother,

HENRY P. RICHARDS.

HINDOSTAN.

Bombay, November 15th, 1855.

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President F. D. Richards.

Beloved Brother—Before taking my leave of India, I feel under obligation to trouble you with a few scattering ideas relative to the dealings of the Lord with us, the indifference of the people among whom it has fallen to our lot to sojourn, as also regarding the state of the work in the Bombay Presidency, over which I have had the charge for a few months past.

In the first place, I desire to return sincere thanks to my Father in heaven, who has spared our lives and comforted our hearts, notwithstanding the many difficulties we have had to compete with, the privations we have suffered, the ill success that has attended our labours, amounting to little more than warning the people, clearing our skirts of their blood, thereby leaving them without excuse, but in the clearing our skirts of their blood, thereby leaving them without excuse, but in the hands of a just God, who doubtless will show greater mercy than would His servants, (had they the power,) who have undergone more in body and mind, during their stay among this God forsaken, heterogeneous mass of human forms, and to us treacherous climate, then in all their us treacherous climate, than in all their

lives previous.

Gladly would we report differently, did the subject admit, but we wish, the limited distance we go, to tell things as limited distance we go, to tell things as they are, thus corroborating the testimony of Elders Jones, Findlay, and others, and, with their, coming to the humble conclusion that India's sons at present are no lon worthy the society of the servants of the Lord. Appearances indicate that the judgments of an offended God will be exerted to force obedience upon the few believing, an chastise the many who so richly deserve it. In fact I am satisfied these things have al-In fact I am satisfied these things have a ready commenced, for the signs of trouble, perplexity, and suffering now appear among the inhabitants; I need only refer to a few of the many indications, to convince the critical observer of the fact in question.

The Santal insurrection of the northwest, was incited by an unlawful interference with the females of that powerful band, and extortion of labour at less than half-price, by the white faces and their agents, upon the railroad and other works be-tween Calcutta and the Upper Provinces. These things have been fearfully resented in the destruction of life and property to an alarming extent.

Among the last intelligence that we received from that quarter, the Santals ad murdered a considerable number, robbed government stations and repositories of large amounts of money and other valuables, and the surrounding country to that extent, that the victors were driving fifty thousand head of cattle before them, besides great numbers of elephants, camels, asses, horses, and char-riots, with nearly all the grain of several riots, with nearly all the grain of several large districts, in defiance of all military power exercised against them. The plunderers were making their way to the Rajmaghl hills, and other seclusions, with their booty, from portions of the country, be it remembered, travelled by our faithful brothers Willes, Richards, Woolley, and Fotheringham, who taboured so zealously to introduce the Gospel in that region, and warn the people of judgments and calamities close upon their heels if they rejected it.

There are other portions of India, where fearful apprehensions or

There are other portions of India, where fearful apprehensions are entertained, not only of insurrection, but also of famine and drouth. With the latter, Bombay is threatened, insomuch that the city authorities have ordered that a great number of cettle and other demonstrates should ber of cattle and other devourers should leave the island; hoping that these stringent measures will secure, to the excited inhabitants, a sufficient quantity of that precious beverage to last until heaven is pleased to send from above (as that is the only direction in this place from which to expect it), to fill their artificial tanks and reservoirs, the failure of which would not be the failure of the fail servoirs, the failure of which would pro-

duce misery and distress indescribable.

Relative to the work, as I said in my Relative to the work, as I said in my last, so far as myself was concerned, I was not certain of baptizing any, not even in Hydrabad. So it subsequently proved; for although numbers were believing, and scarcely less than a dozen upon horse and camel escorted me several miles, because they regarded me and the truth, which I had faithfully dispensed among them, still they refrained from obeying the Gospel; they heeded it not sufficiently, they regarded too lightly the day of their visitation, they remain out of the kingdom, and know not its sweets.

Soon after the struggle of parting with those at Hydrabad, I found myself again welcomed at Kotree, by my old and

welcomed at Kotree, by my old and esteemed friend, W. S. Smith, Esquire, who as usual spared no pains in his power to render me comfortable and happy; and

Kurrachee, made not its appearance for several days, I was privileged with an opportunity of visiting and bearing a last testimony to several families, the heads of which I wish to record; they are the honorable Mr. Nash, an acting-master in the Indus Flotilla, Mr. Williams, an agent do., and Mr. Crockwell, of the comissariat; with others, but these in particular; their assistance to me, and their regard for the truth, I shall remember long and with gratitude.

On the 31st of May, as the steamer made its appearance, to touch at our bank only for a short time, I hastened on board, and in a few minutes we were making our way at a rapid rate down the swift and gurgling Indus, which with propriety might be called the Missouri of the East.

After a reasonable time had ele proposed to deliver a lecture on board, (it g Sunday,) but as an excuse by Capt. rison prevented, I was forced to be sent with private preaching and dis-Morrison prevented, I was forced to be sentent with private preaching and discribution of tracts, &c., which I am happy to say were not without their effect, as one were constrained to feel and say they would not long hence gather with the saints, but would not join the Church on account of persecution in India.

In five and a half days from Kotree, I

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as the steamer which was to convey me to | had his box broken open by military power, and books taken to the amount of thirty or forty rupees' worth, which were detained several weeks, being freely passed among the officials and priests, who de-sired their destruction, but on learning that the greater part had been entered at Stationers' Hall (a guarantee for free circulation the world over), they desisted; and finally the books were returned with another severe lesson to their owner.

The monsoons were now closing in upon us, which with other matters, effectually hedged our way for three months, during which time I again suffered severely with fever, making the fourth attack since coming to this country, twice of which I was brought nigh unto death, but through the goodness of the Lord, was relieved, for which I felt truly thankful. Our meetings, however, were available to the people, though but few profited by them, until the 22nd of September, when we gladly took our leave of an unworthy people, going on board the steam-vessel Sindian, Banks, Commander, who especially favoured us, being bound for Bombay, at which place we landed on the especial of the Office of the steam of the Office of on the evening of the 25th, the same day brother Findlay arrived from Belgaum.

Our next object was of course to procure passages for ourselves and three others; this has employed nearly two months of unceasing diligence to obtain, but thanks to the Lord, and Mr. H. Moore, the Acting American Consul, we expect to be off in a few days, working our passages to New York and Liverpool, our only chances; so if you should see a part of us in England, which I doubt not, and one one one one of our situation then. can guess of our situation then, ich to us would be delicate to mention. As I said, it has proved a hard matter for us to get away from this land, paid pas-sages ranging from £10 to £22 each, to nost only available route, nd will bedoubtless to others, who still par in liberty, to the number of 21, all told, is Presidency, including 2 Elders, 1 Prior ad one Teacher, in tolerable standing. I close by adding, may the especiation of hearths.

heaven rest upon you, and all es, for Christ's sake, Amen. Husser and Findlay also desire

a kind remembrance to you and all the

I am as ever, with high res TRUMAN LEONAND.

Bame Carrespundence.

BELFAST.

199, Collingwood Street, Belfast, Dec. 31, 1855.

President Franklin D. Richards though you have been informed, by my worthy Pastor, of the success that has attended the labours of the Elders in this Conference, still I feel to drop you a few lines

My health is good and body strong. The harness fits as usual. The work is in a good, thriving condition. The Priesthood and members feel alive in "Mormonism," and, from the oldest to the youngest, all feel Zionward, and are, at the present time, rejoicing in the anticipation of pulling or pushing a hand-cart to their home in the west. Tobacco smokers have resolved to quit, and put their savings thereby in the P. E. Fund, and those who have quit tea-drinking will also put their savings in the same. The Book Agency is growing better all the time.

Thus you see we are growing in faith and good works, and the half-yearly Report will show you we are growing in numbers also. The spirit of the work is truly with the Irish Saints. God grant

it may ever continue.

Brothers Scott and Croston are now with me, full of joy in the Holy Ghost.

I pray they may have wisdom adequate to the task imposed upon

We shall move to our new residence in a day or two. Please send all letters and parcels for us, to 29 Great George's Stree

Brothers Scott and Croston join in kind love to yourself, Council, and all the brethren in the office. God bless you all!

Believe me as ever, Your obedient and very Affectionate brother,

JOHN D. T. MCALLISTER.

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